

United States District Court
Middle District of Florida
Jacksonville Division

LUZ V. RIVERA,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 3:20-cv-979-J-39PDB

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

Order

The Commissioner cannot timely file a certified transcript required under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) because of a high volume of pending actions and pandemic-caused disruptions in operations and related limitations. Doc. 10-1. The Commissioner therefore moves for a ninety-day stay. Doc. 10. The Commissioner represents that Luz Rivera opposes the motion. Doc. 10 at 3. She has not responded to the motion, and the time to do so has passed.

The Commissioner has demonstrated good cause for the requested relief. *See* Doc. 10-1 (declaration by the Executive Director for the Office of Appellate Operations for the Social Security Administration). As stated in other actions involving similar motions, the pandemic has caused substantial disruptions in most aspects of life and work, warranting lenity. Moreover, the action was filed only recently, and shortening the time for one claimant could cause her case to leapfrog others pending longer.

The Court **grants** the motion, Doc. 10; **stays** the case until February 22, 2021, or until the Commissioner files the answer and transcript, whichever is earlier; and

directs the clerk to administratively close the case during the stay.

Ordered in Jacksonville, Florida, on December 15, 2020.



PATRICIA D. BARKSDALE
United States Magistrate Judge

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